
Caledonia/ Mt. Pleasant Joint Park Commission

February 14, 2017

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:03 by T. Maier- Acting Chairperson

Roll Call: John Hewitt, Doug Wroblewski, Terri Maier, Ed Willing- excused, E. Kocjan, B. Stauss-excused

Others in attendance: Jim Svoboda, Marty Christensen

II. Public Comment- None

III. Treasures' Report and Budget- Treasurer's report was distributed for review. Filed for audit with no questions. J. Svoboda stated that rental income was significantly higher than at this time in 2016. Marty Christensen was in attendance to discuss the past budget history concerning the Joint Park, its deficit and how the overall Joint agreement took place. T. Maier updated the Park Commission on her joint meeting with Caledonia and Mt. Pleasant concerning the deficit. Underfunding over the last 15+ years, combined with no contingency fund had contributed to some of the deficit. M. Christensen suggested that the Park Commission set up a meeting with Caledonia Village President B. Bradley and form a plan. Moving to contracted mowing, and extended mowing season, replacement of front well all contributed to the 2016 deficit.

IV. New Business

- a. Kraut Fest-** J. Svoboda did an update on the 2017 Kraut Fest and the progress. Route 20 will not be a partner in the festival this year. Both Village's will assist in hosting the event and the Joint Park Commission will oversee some of the details. Kraut Fest board is in place and Educator's Credit Union is the official banker and will hold funds for the event. Sponsorship is at \$38,500 of a goal of \$75,000 which is the budget for this year's festival. J. Svoboda stated that there is still formal approvals needed from the Caledonia Village Board but he sees no issues moving forward. J. Svoboda was elected Chair to run this year's festival by the Kraut committee. N. Corbett as vice- chair. J. Svoboda will update as the festival draws near. J. Hewitt motioned to approve Kraut Fest 2017 to be held at the park June 16th-18th 2017. E. Kocjan seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
- b. June 10th Special Event- Music and Movie in the Park-** J. Svoboda presented the Music and a Movie event to take place June 10th at the park. This event will comprise live music by Squad 51, food vendors, bounce houses, and Sprecher Brewery will be on site with their traveling ambulance to server both beer and soda's. The night will end with a movie to be shown on a jumbo screen. This event will be free other than food, and drink purchases. Sponsors have been used to cover all costs related to hosting this event. Event will run from 6-11pm. Security will be on site and all children under 18 must be with an adult. Motioned to approve June 10th event by J. Hewitt. Seconded by D. Wroblewski. Motioned passed.
- c. Mowing Contract for 2017 season-** Sealed bids were open for the 2017 mowing contract for the Joint Park. Lakeshore Lawn Service was the low bid at \$14,950.00 for the 2017 season. J. Hewitt motioned to accept Lakeshore's bid of \$14,950.00 for a one year mowing contract. D. Wroblewski seconded. Motioned passed.

V. Park Manager's report- J. Svoboda updated the Commission on park related items such as parking lot repaving, already approved special events and a list of goals for 2017 to address the deficit at the park and revenue generating ideas.

Adjourn:

A. Wroblewski motioned to adjourn. E. Kocjan seconded.

Respectively Submitted, Jim Svoboda- Caledonia/Mt. Pleasant Memorial Park Manager